Member of JCM posted abroad

2217. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI J. P. JAVALI:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a member of Staff side of National Council of JCM posted abroad is entitled to leave, TA and other expenses for attending the meetings of the Council in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) The Staff side members are expected to maintain regular contacts with the employees whom they represent and take up their grievances to the National Council. Because effective participation of these members would not be possible if posted abroad, such employees are not posted out as far as possible. However, where such a posting is unavoidable, another staff representative in his place is allowed for the unexpired term as per the JCM Scheme. Accordingly, the question of payment of TA/DA to members posted abroad has not arisen so far.

Missing radio-active source from the AIIMS, New Delhi

2218. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a radioactive source of the size of one rupee coin and capable of causing different kinds of Cancer is missing from the R.P. Centre, of Ophthalmology of the AIIMS, New Delhi for several years; if so, what were the circumstances in which it was lost;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it was auctioned by the RP Centre without necessary clearance from the BARC; and

(c) if so, what measures had been taken to prevent the likely health hazards which were to be caused by the lost radio-active source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A Beta Ray Eye Applicator Strentium 90 (SR-90) was purchased by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi in June, 1959. It was supplied to erstwhile Department of Opthamology in March, 1960. In 1968 its clinical efficacy was found to be inadequate and was therefore sent to Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay for recaliberation. On scrutiny at BARC it was found that the emmission was reduced from 50 to 42.72 rads/sec. and the distribution of the dose on the surface was not uniform. The Beta Ray Applicator, however, was continued to be used by increasing the exposure time till 1984. A new Beta Ray Applicator was purchased and the old one was sent back to the Stores. In August, 1984, alongwith other instruments, Beta Ray Applicator was passed for condemnation in the meeting of the Condemnation Board of the Institute held on 10-8-1984 and was then sent to the Central Stores Depot, AIIMS,